REMARKS

Claims 26-49 are pending in the present application.

Applicant has canceled Claims 1-25 and added new Claims 26-49. New Claims 26-49 are supported by original Claims 16-25 and page 7, line 15 to page 32, line 7 (for example, at page 7, lines 17-20 and page 8, lines 13-16).

No new matter has been added.

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits.

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